

### Introductory.

The initial number of the CAMDEN CONFEDERATE will be sent forth this week as an applicant for the favor and patronage of our generous public. The absence of a weekly paper in the District, since the temporary suspension of the *Journal*—in consequence of its editor going into service—has been badly felt by a large majority of the business and reading community of Camden and the entire District, and who are anxious to have the want supplied—there being no reasonable hope of an early cessation of hostilities, that our former editor might be able to resume the duties editorial.

Through the solicitation of many friends and the citizens generally, we have consented to undertake the laborious and responsible duties attending all similar enterprises. We shall use every exertion in our power, both mental and physical, to render THE CONFEDERATE an acceptable and warmly greeted visitor at every fireside, counting-room and place of business, where the district paper has become one of the "prime necessities of the age."

We have had many kind friends to offer us every assurance that our undertaking shall not be permitted to fail. Nor will it, if properly supported by our citizens. Such encouragement falls with cadence soft upon our ears, and nerves our hand and heart for renewed efforts to please and gratify.

In conclusion, permit us to say that it shall be our aim to come fully up to the reasonable expectations of our friends; and we deem it necessary and proper to state in this, the outset of our enterprise, what our position may be. With regard to the public affairs of the day, we shall pursue an entirely independent, open course, always reserving to ourself the right of censure or plaudit, where either is deserving—giving our opinions without fear and with candor upon any question of moment that may arise; and should we differ with any of our friends, as differ we probably may, we shall express that difference honestly and candidly.

With regard to the present administration of Government affairs, we are content to repose the most unbounded confidence in the ability and zeal of our President and generals to carry out successfully the views of our true Southern, both civil and military.

We deem it unnecessary to say more, as in these troubles times it would be folly to attempt to define party lines, if any there be.

### Please Take Notice.

That THE CONFEDERATE is to be conducted strictly on the cash principle; and all those who are not disposed to comply with our terms, will be kind enough to return it, with their name on the margin. Our terms are HALF-YEARLY PAYABLE INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE. We would like to indulge our friends in the town and district, as has been customary in times gone by, but the cash system seems to be the order of the day—and with ourself it is an imperative necessity. Every paper we issue, costs us in HARD MONEY the full price of the subscription, with a prospect of a higher figure by the time we make our next order. So we hope our patrons will give this notice an immediate favorable consideration—and make no delay.

The paper will be sent to all the citizens of the town—either to their residences or through the postoffice, and those who do not wish it will send it back, as above mentioned, that we may know whose name to place upon our book.

The publication of THE CONFEDERATE is in no way connected with the *Journal*—and the business of the same to be conducted separate and distinct from that paper.

### Our Appearance.

Should our present number fail to come fully up to public expectation, our friends will be good enough, we know, to attribute it to the confusion incident to the commencement of any new enterprise. We hope to be able, in a short time, considering the size, to make our paper compare favorably with any of our country sheets, in appearance and typography at least.

The New York *Journal of Commerce* admits that there is a strong and earnest feeling among the people of the North for peace.

### To Correspondents.

We hope that correspondents and other contributors will bear in mind, that we are no advocate for lengthy communications. A writer should endeavor to condense rather than to spin out his articles. We like to encourage a talent for writing, but for a paper the size of ours, one column is sufficient, and as much as we can well devote to any one subject, unless it be a matter of general interest.

### Captain Warren.

We were glad to see our worthy ex-editor, Capt. THOS. J. WARREN, here last week, and looking so well. The health of his Company is improving. We learn that the right wing of Col. DESAUSSEUR'S Regiment start for Summerville this week—of which Capt. W.'s Company forms a part.

### Congressional Election.

The citizens of our District will bear in mind, that an election for a Representative in the Congress of the Confederate States will be held at the different precincts in Kershaw on next Wednesday. The polls to be open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

### A Mother's Devotion to our Cause.

Among the many instances of devotion to the cause of Southern independence, which have occurred in this District, is that of a mother of one of our volunteers, now in service in Virginia. Not of her abundance, but of her limited means, she took her blankets to pieces, carded the wool, spun, wove and made it into a suit for her boy. Can such a people be conquered, when the women show so much zeal?

### Absent Volunteers Returned.

We have had the pleasure of seeing amongst us, Adjutant SILL of the 2d Regiment S. C. V., who returned about two weeks since, on account of ill-health. We are glad to see his improvement, and hope he will soon be able to resume the duties he so well discharged in that gallant regiment.

Mr. GEORGE A. YOUNG and CHESUT WHITAKER, of the Boykin Rangers, have been back some weeks, on account of sickness in camp. The former will soon join his Company—his health being greatly improved; the latter, though much better, will probably not be able to return soon.

### Support of the Families of Absent Volunteers.

The voluntary contributions of our citizens about Camden has been most liberal, and adequate up to this time. But as we cannot hope for a speedy termination of the war, without it would be but just and equitable that some other mode be adopted to meet the exigencies of the case; and we respectfully suggest to our Grand Jury—as Court convenes next week—to present to our Legislature, with the sanction and weight of their authority, a plan which will raise the amount necessary, so as to bear upon all the tax-payers, according to his or her property and interest in the community.

### Thanks on Behalf of Camden.

Special thanks are due to the Ladies' Association of Camden, for 40 pair of socks, 4 Comforts, 13 pair Drawers and 2 colored Shirts.

To Mrs. ARABELLA E. PEAY, and ladies of her neighborhood, for sending 24 pair Drawers, 24 Shirts, 27 pair Socks and 2 Blankets.

To Mrs. JAMES HARRISON, for 13 pair Drawers, 13 Shirts and 24 pair Socks.

To Mrs. R. M. KENNEDY, for 5 pair Socks.

To Mrs. LOCKHART, by Mrs. BONNEY, for 16 pair Socks, and to many others for their numerous acts of kindness. This war shows an amount of active benevolence without a parallel in all history.

### Military Elections.

On Saturday, the 19th ult., the following gentlemen were elected officers of Beat No. 2, 22d Regiment S. C. M., at Camden:

A. M. KENNEDY, Captain.  
W. E. HUGHESON, 1st Lieutenant.  
J. J. WORKMAN, 2d Lieutenant.  
C. SHIVER, 3d Lieutenant.

And on the 26th ult., at Curcton's Mills, for Beat No. 1:

E. PARKER, Captain.  
J. J. NELSON, 1st Lieutenant.  
D. G. ROBERTSON, 2d Lieutenant.  
J. L. HOGAN, 3d Lieutenant.

We hope soon to see a thorough reorganization of our regiment, to be ready for any emergency that may arise. Although Kershaw has sent nearly all her young men to the rescue, we can yet send several companies, if required, to defend the State.

### Our Volunteers in Virginia.

The Camden Volunteers, Capt. KENNEDY.—The health of this Company has greatly improved. Lieut. NILES, who has been home since the last of August, having left the company on account of sickness, returned on Monday last, with a full supply of clothing, blankets, &c., for the men.

Capt. CANTY'S Company, we are glad to learn, is much improved in health; and are happy to say have not been forgotten by their friends, the ladies—of the Camden Association. Yet, so far as we are aware, there has been no uniforms sent them from here—owing to the difficulty in getting goods suitable to make up, as the Confederate army has engaged all the mills in Virginia and North Carolina. We hope they can and will be supplied there.

The Boykin Rangers, Capt. H. H. BOYKIN, have been tolerably well provided for. A number of boxes of articles for their comfort have recently been forwarded to them.

The Kirkwood Rangers, Capt. SHANNON.—This fine body of mounted men reached Richmond on the 16th ult., in fine health and spirits, after a march of three weeks from this place. They were received with marked attention during their entire route to the Old Dominion; and we have no doubt will add lustre to the State, whenever called upon to meet the invaders of Southern soil. Their destination is not yet known—whether towards the Potomac or the Peninsular, but are in readiness whenever they receive orders to march.

The Flat Rock Guards, Capt. HAILE.—We are much gratified to hear that the friends of this Company, in the upper battalion, with their accustomed liberality, have attended to the wants of the soldiers, by a bountiful supply of needful articles for the approaching winter.

### Prayer for Our Soldiers.

While our people are mindful of the temporary comforts of our gallant defenders, it will revive the heart of many in camp to know that on every Friday afternoon the people of God meet and pray specially for the protection and blessing of God upon our soldiers, and the cause in which they are engaged, and that discretion and guidance may be given to all our civil authorities in these troubles times.

### THE ELECTION FOR A REPRESENTATIVE.

An election was held in our District on last Wednesday to fill the vacancy in our Legislature, occasioned by the resignation of Capt. Shannon, and which resulted in the election of Mr. D. D. PERRY, without opposition.

THE BLOCKADERS.—A change has lately taken place, says the *Charleston Courier*, in the vessels blockading that harbor, those that were there formerly having been relieved, and the flag ship now off the Bar is the steam frigate Roanoke, Capt. MARSTON. Capt. DUPONT, who is command that part of the Southern Coast, has not yet arrived but is expected daily, and as he is an officer of courage and ability and believes in the Stars and Stripes, we may perhaps look for something more than usual soon after he comes. The Roanoke is assisted in the blockade by several propellers, one of which, we think, is the Flag, commanded we believe, by an officer named SARTORI. She is a merchant craft altered to a war vessel, but is of small size and can go into shallow water. Whoever she may be she moves with great speed and makes a convenient blockader.

The *Courier* also says: We understand that the policy of the Federals for the future will be to gradually take off all the heavy ships and put gun boats in their place. Our Government cannot too soon meet this measure by placing every shipwright in the South at work on suitable steam vessels to be used in opening our ports to the commerce of the world and destroying the vessels which constantly threaten our coast.

We are pained to learn, says the *Charleston Courier*, that Mr. B. F. EVANS, of the firm of EVANS & COGSWELL, has been arrested by the incornites in Kentucky.

Mr. Evans left Charleston early in the summer for New York, whence he took ship for Liverpool, where he spent several months in the purchase of goods and materials for his Printing and Publishing House. He had succeeded in making his way some distance below Paris, when he fell into the hands of the wretched menials of LINCOLN.

By his probity, energy and enterprise, Mr. Evans had raised himself to a high place among the most intelligent and sagacious business men, and his genial disposition and correct deportment, have drawn around him a large circle of friends.

We trust that he will soon be delivered from the durance of the Yankees.

## NEW THE WAR.

THE BRILLIANT VICTORY AT LEESBURG—DEATH OF GEN. (S) BAKER CONFIRMED—THE ENEMY'S OR DEFEATED.

MANASSAS, October 25.—The report of our loss at Leesburg was not exaggerated. It is now supposed to be not more than 180 in killed and wounded. Forty of the Eighteenth Mississippi Regiment were killed; among others was a son of Governor Pettus. Six hundred and forty-nine of the enemy were captured. The woods around are said to contain many more, who will, no doubt, be surrounded.

Gen. Baker, of the California Regiment, received five balls in the breast. He was made Brigadier General the day before the fight, and commanded one of the columns.

The prisoners taken represent the Fifteenth and Twentieth Massachusetts Regiments, Forty-second New York and the California Regiments and Rhode Island battery.

Col. Lee, of the Federal army, who was taken prisoner, says the total attacking force was large, and many crossed the Potomac during the day. Their killed was not less than 75. The number of their wounded is unknown. One hundred and fifty were endeavoring to escape on a crowded raft, were drowned. Small boats were engaged during the battle carrying the wounded back. We secured three guns which the prisoners say were all they had. The fight lasted all day, being a series of skirmishes until toward night, when the grand charge and panic took place.

The object of the demonstration was doubtless to possess and fortify Leesburg, then make a flank movement, in co-operation with the attack of McClellan, our centre.

Two hundred and fifty of the prisoners are from Worcester county, Mass., the hot bed of abolition, and full of hate and rancor towards the South.

### SAILING ON A FLEET.

NORFOLK, October 25.—Thirty-six steamers and one transport went to sea from Hampton Roads this morning at 10 o'clock.

STIRRING NEWS FROM WASHINGTON—ADVANCE OF SICKLES—EXPERIMENTAL ATTACK ON EVANSPORT AND MATHIAS POINT—DESTINATION OF THE FEDERAL FLEET.

RICHMOND, October 29.—A gentleman just from Washington, says that Sickles has advanced opposite Evansport with a force of 16,000 men and sixty cannon. A large force has also been ordered opposite Mathias Point. These forces are to be concentrated at the points mentioned by telegraph from Washington. The design is to attack Evansport in front with ships, and turn the Confederate front. This, it is thought, will enable McClellan to attack Beauregard in the rear.

The blockade of the Potomac causes great inconvenience to the United States forces.

The fleet that has sailed is said to be destined for New Orleans.

The *Tribune* says the battle of Leesburg was a terrible defeat of the United States, forces and the fire more terrific than that of Bull Run. The United States loss is estimated at 1200 in killed and wounded. The Confederate force engaged is estimated at near 30,000.

### FROM MISSOURI.

REPORTED DEFEAT OF GEN. JEFF. THOMPSON—AN INDIANA PEACE JOURNAL HOBBED.

St. Louis October 28.—Dispatches to the St. Louis papers from Fredrickstown, Mo., state that the United States had routed the Southerners under Gen. JEFF. THOMPSON and LOWE—estimated at 5000 troops. The Southerners loss is said to be heavy; that of the United States forces small.

The enemy claimed to have captured four heavy guns. Two of their officers, Major Garritt and Captain Hyman of the Indiana Cavalry, were killed.

Two or three companies of the Forty-third Indiana Regiment hobbled the Terre Haute *Indiana Journal* office on the 21st, completely demolishing it.

### FROM NASHVILLE.

THE WAR MOVEMENTS IN KENTUCKY—NORTH-WEST TROOPS POURING INTO LOUISVILLE.

NASHVILLE, October 28.—A gentleman who left Louisville on the 22d says that troops are rapidly pouring into Louisville.

Gen. McCook's forces are between Louisville and Nolen and number not less than 30,000 men.

### A FATAL OCCURRENCE.

BRANCHVILLE, S. C., October 29.—Mr. E. J. Cooner, a member of Capt. Trezevant's Company who was to leave here to-morrow, was shot through the heart and instantly killed, this afternoon by Mr. Bar, a member of the Palmetto Troop, of this place. Mr. Cooner leaves a wife and two children.—*Charleston Courier*.

We have received from our friend, J. K. Witherspoon of Camden, S. C., by express, a package of ten pair of socks, "for the brave Marylanders." This acceptable offering is to be credited to the "after half" of our friend, and is another proof of woman's promptness and devotion in a good cause.—*Charleston Courier*.